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FM AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

SECDEF WASHDC

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USINFO ALSO FOR VOA NEWSROOM

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BANGKOK FOR HEDGES

BANGKOK AND SAIGON FOR VOA CORRESPONDENTS

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1. GOVERNMENT TROOPS MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS SATURDAY IN THEIR ROAD-CLEARING OPERATION ON NATIONAL ROUTE 4. USING HEAVY ARTILLERY, THEY SHELLED ENEMY POSITIONS WEST OF KOMPONG SPERU AND FOLLOWED THE BOMBARDMENT WITH A GROUND ATTACK. GROUND TROOPS ROUTED THE ENEMY FROM WELL-PREPARED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND BROKE THE ENEMY LINES. 42 ENEMY WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE CAPTURED. NUMEROUS ENEMY WEAPONS WERE ALSO TAKEN, INCLUDING FIVE MACHINE GUNS, ONE MORTAR, AND 30 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. GOVERNMENT CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT.

2. ENEMY FORCES INTERDICTED A PORTION OF ROUTE ONE, 8 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH, ON SATURDAY. GOVERNMENT FORCES COUNTER-ATTACKED, AND AS OF SATURDAY NIGHT THE ENEMY'S HOLDINGS HAD BEEN REDUCED TO 500 METERS OF THE HIGHWAY.

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3. GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUE THEIR ROAD-CLEARING OPERATION ON  
NATIONAL ROUTE FIVE, WHICH LEADS FROM PHNOM PENH TO BATTAMBANG.

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